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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 001-03-044

First Inventor Takaya SATO

Title SLITTER FOR AN ELECTRODE RAW MATERIAL SHEET AND THE SLITTER PROCESS

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 35]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 16]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09, 907,441

Prior application information:

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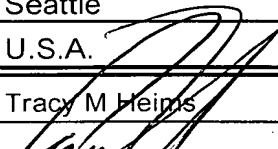
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For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
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1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
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1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant respectfully requests that the filing date of July 3, 2003 be granted to this Divisional Patent Application filing mailed herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) for the above named inventor(s) for SLITTER FOR AN ELECTRODE RAW MATERIAL SHEET AND THE SLITTING PROCESS. This application is a Divisional Application of Original U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/907,441 filed on 07/18/2001, which claims priority from Japanese application 2000-217765 filed 07/19/2000 in Japan.

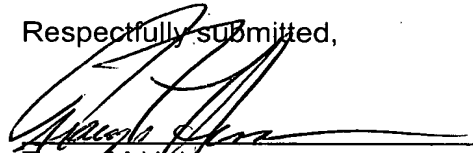
Please note that the inventors in this application are the same as the parent application and that they have effectively assigned this invention to Nisshinbo Industries, Inc. as shown by the Notice of Recordation of Assignment as herein included. Also please note that the USPTO has accepted the change of power of attorney in this case and that Apex Juris, pllc (Tracy M Heims) is now the attorney of record.

Included herein are the following documents:

1. Specification (32 pages), claims (2 pages), abstract (1 page) and drawings (16 pages)
2. Claim for priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 based on the original United States parent application, No. 09/907,441 filed 07/18/2001.
3. Certificates of mailings for all documents
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6. A copy of Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney for Tracy M Heims of Apex Juris, pllc
7. Copy of "Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document" and a copy of Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest in Invention to Nisshinbo Industries, Inc., as shown at Reel/Frame 012249/0883 filed in the parent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)
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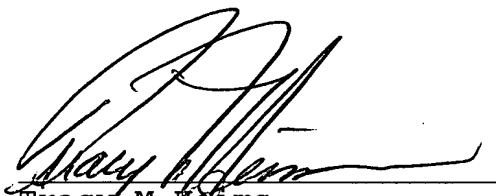
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1. Letter to the Commissioner (2pgs)
2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05)
3. Patent Application Fee Determination Record (1 pg)
4. USPTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17-2pgs)
5. Specification, Claims and Abstract (35 pgs)
6. Formal Drawings (16 pgs)
7. Copy of Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney (1 pg)
8. Copy of USPTO Notice of Recordation of Assignment Documents and Assignment History(6 pgs)
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10. Fee submission-business check, Apex Juris
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